A Paper ſent forth into the World from them that are ſcornfully called

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Declaring the ground and reaſons why they deny the Teachers of the world who profeſs themſelves to be Miniſters, and diſſent from them.

FIrſt, they are ſuch Shepheards that ſeek for their gain from their quarter, and can never have enough, which the Lord ſent *Iſaiah* to cry out againſt, who bid all come freely without money and without price, and was not hired but ſpoke freely; and theſe make merchandize, and a trade of his words, and therefore we cry out againſt them and deny them. *Iſa.*56.11. & 54. 1.

They are ſuch Shepheards that ſeek for the fleece, and cloth with the wool, and feed on the fat, which the Lord ſent *Ezekiel* to cry wo againſt, who made a prey upon us, And the Lord ſaid he would gather his ſheep from their mouthes, and that we ſhould be a prey to them no longer, and we do witneſs the promiſe of the Lord fulfilled, and therefore we deny them, *Ezek.* 54.34.

They are ſuch Prieſts as bear rule by their means, which was a horrible and filthy thing committed in the Land, which the Lord ſent *Jeremiah* to cry out againſt; while we had eyes and did not ſee we held up ſuch Prieſts, but the Lord hath opened our eyes, and we ſee them now in the ſame eſtate that they were which *Jeremiah* cryed out againſt, who did not bear rule by his means, and therefore we deny them, *Jer.*5.31.

They are ſuch Prophets and Prieſts that divine for money, and preach for hire, which the Lord ſent *Micha* to cry againſt; and whilſt we put into their mouths they preached peace to us, but now we do not put into their mouths they prepare warr againſt us, and therefore we deny them. *Micha* 3. 11.

They are ſuch as are called of men Maſters, and call men Maſters, and love the chiefeſt place in the aſſemblies, and ſtand praying in the Synagogues, and lay heavy burthens upon the people, which Jeſus Chriſt cryed againſt, and bid his diſciples not to be ſo, be ye not called of men Maſters, for one is your Maſter, even Chriſt, and ye are all Brethren; to wh-

do witness Jesus Christ our Master, and see them to be in the steps of the Pharisees, and therefore we deny them. *Mac.* 3.10. *Mat.* 23.

They are such teachers, that with feigned words, and through covetousnes, made merchandize of us, and do upon the people; who by oppression maintain themselves and wives in pride and idleness, in hoods, veils, and changeable suits of apparel; who go in the way of *Cain* to envy, murder, and persecute; and after the errour of *Balaam* who loved the wages of unrighteousnes, following after gifts and rewards, which the Apostles cryed against, and therefore we deny them. 2 Pet. 2. *Jude* 11.

They are such teachers that have told us the Steeplehouse hath been the Church, when as the Scripture saith the Church is in God, and therefore we deny them. 1 *Thes.* 1. 1.

They are such teachers as have told us the letter was the word, when as the letter saith, God is the word, therefore we deny them. *Io.* 1. 1.

They are such teachers as have told us the letter was the light, when as the letter saith, Christ is the light, therefore we deny them. *Io.* 1. 1. 19. & 8 12.

They are such teachers as sprinkle infants, calling it an Ordinance of Christ, and baptizing into the faith into the Church, when as the Scripture saith no such thing, and therefore we deny them; but the baptism by one spirit into one body we own. 1 *Cor.* 12 13.

They are such teachers as tell people of a Sacrament, for which there is not one Scripture, and so feed people with their own inventions, and therefore we deny them; but the Table and Supper of the Lord we own, 1 *Cor.* 10.

They are such Teachers as tell people, that *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John*, is the Gospel, which are but the Letter, the Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world is glad tidings to poor captives; glad tidings were promised before the Letter was written, the seed of the woman shall bruise the Serpents head, and he shall be a light unto the Gentiles, the letter is a declaration of the Gospel, and many have the letter but not Christ, but we having received the Gospel know them to be no Ministers of it, and therefore do deny them. *Gen.* 3 15 *Luke* 1. 1.

They are such Ministers as go to *Oxford* and *Cambridge*, and call them the Well heads of divinity, and so deny the fountain of living mercies, and there they study, and read books, and old Authors, and furnish themselves with Philosophy, and fine words, and other mens matter, and when they come again they sell it to poor people, when as the Apostle saith, he was not made a Minister by the will of man, and that the Gospel which he preached was not of man, nor had he received it from man, neither was he taught it, and denyed all his learning which he had got by the will of man at the feet of *Gamaliel*; and so finding them in the will of man, preaching by the will of man, we cannot but deny them, *Gal.* 1.

They are such teachers that tell people that *Hebrew* and *Greek* is the original, when as the Apostle spake in the *Hebrew* tongue to the *Hebrews*, who heard him in their own language, and yet persecuted him, and the *Greeks* who had the Gospel in their own tongue, said the cross of Christ was foolishness, these who had the Scriptures in their own languages were as ignorant of the life of them, as our natural Priests, who spend so much time in learning a natural language to find out what those meant that spoke forth the Scrip-

Scriptures; who make poor people believe that to know a natural tongue, is the means to understand the original; the word which is the original was before all languages were, the word was in the beginning, which word was made manifest in all the children of God; who spake forth the Scriptures? holy men of God spake as they were moved by the holy Ghost. Now all ye learned ones, where is your original? here you and your original is razed out from the word, which is the original, which the Apostles preached amongst the Hebrews and Greeks, which was before tongues were and your original, which will break all your tongues and original to peeces. Pilat had your original of Hebrew, Greek, and Latine, who crucified Christ; he that drawes back into many Languages as into Hebrew and Greek, drawes back into the Naturals, and so draws into confusion; but the Ministers of God who preach the everlasting Gospel which endures for ever, draw up into our language, and so the priests and all that trade in natural languages we utterly deny. *Acts* 22. 2. 1 *Cor.* 1. 23. *Io.* 19. 20.

They are such teachers as have told us that the Steeplehouse is the Temple, when as the Apostle said, your bodies are the temples of the holy Ghost, and Stephen was stoned to death for witnessing against the Temple, who said, God that made the world, dwells not in Temples made with hands; and here finding them in the generation that hold up the figures & deny the substance, and to be ignorant of that Spirit that gave forth the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them. 1 *Cor.* 6 19. *Acts* 7.

They are such Priests that take tythes, the tenth of mens labours and estates, and those that will not give them, they sue at the Law, and hale before Courts and Sessions, yea even those they call their own people, their own Parishioners; Levi according to the Law received tyths, & he had a command to set open his gates, that the Strangers and the fatherless should come within his gates and be satisfyed and filled, but we find none more pittiless of the fatherless and widows than they, and the strangers they complain against to Justices, and persecute (though they neither seek to them nor others for any outward thing) as wanderers; and here they walk contrary to the old Law; And the Apostle in his Epistle to the Hebrews said, the Priesthood being changed, there must of necessity also be a change of the Law, and we witness both the Priesthood and the Law changed; but they that take tyths, and they that pay tyths according to the old covenant, deny Jesus Christ the everlasting Priest to be come in the flesh, and here these Priests shew themselves to be Antichrist, that are entered into the world, and oppress the creation, when as Jesus Christ said, freely ye have received, freely give, and the Apostle said, was there a wise man amongst them that went to Law one with another? here they are evill examples to the people, to sue, wrangle and contend, and walk out of the steps of Christ, and all the holy men of God, ye they exceed all the false prophets in wickedness, for we do not read that ever any of them sued man at the Law, and therefore we cannot but justly deny them. Deut. 14. 29. Heb. 7. 12.

They are such priests as besides their tyth of corn, hay, beast, sheep, hens, [illegible], geese, eggs, cheries, apples, plumbs, take 10 s. for preaching a funeral sermon more or less as they can it, and 10 s. for the death of a man, and money

money out of ſervants wages, and money for ſmoke paſſing up the chimneys, and Eaſter reckonings and Midſummer dues, and money for churching of women, and thus by every deviſe get money and burthen poor people, that labour very hard, and can ſcarce get food and rayment, to maintain them in idleneſs and pride, theſe are they that have hearts exerciſed with covetouſneſs, burthening the truth, and making the free Goſpel chargeable; if the Apoſtle were here he would be aſhamed of them, and ſo are we, and therfore turn from them and deny them. 2 Pet. 2.3.

They are ſuch Prieſts as not only take tyths, and money for many other things of their own hearers, and ſue them at the law for it, but they take money of them they do no work for, but only rail againſt them, and ſay, they that wait at the altar are partakers with the altar, but live of them who are not of the altar, and ſay the labourer is worthy of his hire, but take wages of them that have not hired them, and if they will not give it them, caſt them into priſon, or take their goods by Juſtices warrants; theſe are they that Chriſt cryed wo againſt, who lay heavy burthens upon the people, who oppreſſe tender conſciences, that own the everlaſting High Prieſt; where do they find any of the Miniſters of Chriſt bargaining for ſo much a year? here they abide not in the doctrine of Chriſt but are hirelings, and therefore we deny them. Mat. 23.4.

They are ſuch Preachers as have told us they have been giſted men, and we find in the Scriptures that the gift of God is free and not to be bought and ſold for money, and Job ſaid, wiſdom is not to be purchaſed for money nor gold, but they will not ſell their gift under 200l. 100l. 80l. or 50l. a year, more or leſs as they can get it; here we find they have not received the gift of God, but are like Symon Magus, and therefore we deny them. Acts 8.20. Job 28.

They are Babylons Merchants that make a trade of the Scriptures, and the Saints conditions, which the Prophets and Apoſtles ſpoke forth freely without money, and without price, and bade all come freely. How many hundred thouſand pounds in England is gained by the Scriptures, and humane authors joined to it? where is there a more profitable trade? here they make the Scriptures there cloak and colour to get money by, and ſo make an Idol of it, and if any come to witneſs it fulfilled, as it was in them that gave it forth, they cry out to the Magiſtrates againſt them as blaſphemers and deceivers; and if they anſwer, he that adminiſters ſpiritual things, ought to reap carnal, let them conſider the Apoſtle wrote not that to the world, but to thoſe that they had gathered out of the world to whom the ends of the world was come, and let them gather people out of the world, and then they ſhall not need to bargain with them for things of the world; but their trading is with the world, and therefore we deny them. Iſai. 55. 1.

They are ſuch Preachers as take a text of the Saints conditions, and take a weeks time to ſtudy what they can raiſe out of it, adding to it their own wiſdom, inventions, imaginations, and heatheniſh authors, and then on the firſt day of the week go amongſt the people, having an howr glaſs to limit themſelves by, and ſay, hear the word of the Lord, and for money tell people what they have ſcraped together.

Theſe are they that ſpeak a divination of their own heart, and not from

the mouth of the Lord, which the Lord ſent Jeremy to cry out againſt, Je.23.

Theſe are they that uſe their tongues, and ſay the Lord ſaith, when as the Scriptures ſay ſo, and the Lord never ſpake to them. Jer.23.30.

Theſe are they of whom the Lord ſpeaks, I am againſt all ſuch as ſteal my word every one from his neighbour; and ſo we are againſt all ſuch as Jeremy was ſent to cry wo againſt, the Paſtors that now ſteal the words of the prophets, of Chriſt, and the Apoſtles; the Lord hath ſhaken his hand at their diſhoneſt gain, and to them belong the plagues that are written in the book they make a trade on, for adding to it their own inventions, therefore do we come out from amongſt them, and deny them. Jer.23.31.

Theſe are they of whom the Apoſtle ſpeaks, that creep into houſes, leading ſilly women captive, which are led away with divers luſts, which be ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth, though ſome have learned 50.60 or 70. years, covetous, proud, high-minded, ſelf-willed, lovers of pleaſures more than lovers of God, who have gotten a form of godlineſs, but deny the power thereof, from which the Apoſtle bad turn away, and ſo we do, 2 Tim.3 6.

They are ſuch teachers, that gave us and give people Davids conditions in meeter, and when we had no underſtanding we ſung after them, as ignorance people do now, his tremblings, his quakings, his weepings, faſtings, prayers and propheſies, and when we ſung we put off our hats, and when they read them we kept them on, and ſo they cauſed us to worſhip the works of their own hands; here they ſhew the ſpirit of error, making wicked people to ſing, O Lord I am not puft in mind, I have no ſcornful eyes, I do not exerciſe my ſelf in things that be too high, when they are puffed in mind and have ſcornful eyes, and do exerciſe themſelves in things that are too high, and are full of filth, pride and loftineſs, and can ſcarce look at one another; here they make poor people offer a ſacrifice of lies, and make them hypocrites, deceiving themſelves, ſaying what they are not; but the ſinging with the ſpirit and underſtanding we own, and therefore the Prieſts that ſing without underſtanding we deny. 1 Cor.14.15.

They are ſuch teachers as deny the conditions that the Saints witneſſed, trembling and quaking, when as we find the holy men of God that gave forth the Scriptures witneſſed ſuch things. Moſes, who was judge over all Iſrael, feared, quaked, and trembled exceedingly; and the ſon of man was to eat his bread with quaking, and Daniel the man of God trembled and was aſtoniſhed, and Jeremy the Prophet of the Lord reeld to and fro like a drunken man, and all his bones did ſhake, and David who was a King trembled and quaked, and Ephraim when he trembled was exalted in Iſrael, and Habakuk who was a Prophet trembld, his belly ſhook, his lips quivered, & Iſaac in whom the ſeed was called, trembled exceedingly, and Paul a Miniſter of Chriſt trembled; but they make a ſcorn of trembling and quaking, and ſhew themſelves ignorant and ſtrangers to the life and power of GOD as their Generation ever was, who ſtill made a ſcorn and reproach of the holy men of God that trembled and quaked; but the ſeed of God, and the Prophets and ſervants of the Lord we own and their conditions we witneſs, and therefore all the Prieſts and them that deny the holy men of God, we utterly deny

deny. Heb. 12.21, Ezek. 12.18. Dan. 10 10, Jer. 23.9 Pſa. 119. 120. Hoſ. 13 1. Hab. 3.16. Acts 9.6, Gen. 27.33.

They are ſuch Teachers as tell people that Chriſt hath not enlightned every one that comes into the world, when as Chriſt ſaith, he doth enlighten every one that comes into the world, and here they go about to make Chriſt a lyer and John Baptiſt a falſe prophet, and deny the Scriptures; and they ſay God hath not given every one a meaſure according to his ability, when as Chriſt ſaith, he hath done it; Chriſt is the light of the world, and by him the world was made, and he came into the world, and the world received him not, it is ſo now, light ſhines in darkneſs, and the darkneſs comprehends it not, and this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, the one he loves the light and brings his deeds to it, that they may be made maniſeſt, and walks in it, there is no occaſion of ſtumbling in him, the other he hates the light becauſe his deeds are evil, and this is his condemnation; And we witneſs the light wherewith Chriſt hath enlightened every one that comes into the world, and by obedience to the light he is become our Maſter, our Teacher, and all who ſtumble at the light, and deny it, are ignorant of the foundation-ſtone and know not the firſt principle, but are ſhut out from knowing any thing of God, and therefore the prieſts and all their followers we deny. Joh 1.9. & 3.19,20. Mal. 25.15.

They are ſuch teachers as walk out of the doctrine of the Apoſtles and practice of all the Churches, Paul ſaith, if any thing be revealed to him that ſits by, let the firſt hold his peace, for all may propheſie one by one, that God in all things may be glorifyed, and you edified, and the ſpirits of the prophers are ſubject to the prophers, and god is the Author of peace, and not of confuſion, and this was in all the Churches of the Saints; But now if any man come among them, while they are ſpeaking, or when they have done, and be moved to ſpeak any thing, them of their Church, the rude multitude, fall upon him with ſtaves, fiſts, and punches, and knock him down with ſtones, ſhewing themſelves to be of that generation that ſtoned Stephen to death; and the prieſt calls to the officers to take him to the ſtocks and to carry him before a Magiſtrate, and from thence he is ſent to priſon, and called a diſturber of the peace; here they ſhew themſelves to be no Miniſters of Chriſt, and their aſſembly to be no Church, but in confuſion, for that which was order amongſt the Saints is diſorder amongſt them, the Church of Chriſt was never fighters, nor quarrellers, nor ſtoners, ſuch Churches are the fruits of the Miniſtery of England, who were made by the will of man, and never ſent of Chriſt, and therefore they do not profit the people at all, but are perſecutors of the Meſſengers of Chriſt, and therefore we deny them. 1 Cor. 14.32,33. Acts 7. Jer, 23 32.

They are ſuch Teachers as have told us we ſhould never be made free from ſin while we are upon earth, when as the Apoſtle ſaith, they were made free from ſin he thanks God, and had put off the body of ſin; ſo we find they have told us lies contrary to the Scripture, and the Apoſtle ſaith, while we were Servants of ſin, we were free from righteouſneſs, ſo in that ſtate we find them, and therefore we deny them; And they have told us, none ſhall ever be ſanctified, nor the body of ſin deſtroyed, nor cleanſed from ſin, while they are upon the earth, when as the Apoſtle ſaid, they were ſanctified, and

the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin, and the Ministers of God, said they, reigne as Kings, & here they deny the Scriptures, & therfore we deny them; And they deny the begotten of God, which sinneth not, and calleth it blasphemy for any to witness that born which sins not, when the Scripture saith, he that is born of God sinneth not, neither can he sin, because he is born of God, and the seed of God remains in him, and he that commits sin is of the devil, and hereby are the children of God made manifest, and the children of the Devil, and as he is so are we in this present world, and a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, if the root be holy so are the branches, and one fountain cannot send forth sweet water and bitter, he that can receive it let him; but the chief Priests, and Elders, and Pharisees, and Seducers and Rulers, at this stumbled then, and so they stumble now at the light, from whence these words were given forth, which doth enlighten every one that comes into the world; and therefore we deny them. Rom. 6. 18. & 6.6. Rom. 8. 10. 1 Cor. 6. 11. 1 Jo. 1. 7. 1 Jo. 3 6, 9, 10. 1 Jo. 4 17.

And they are such teachers that have told us none shall ever be perfect while they are upon the earth, when as Christ saith, be ye perfect as your Father which is in heaven is perfect, and the Apostle saith, by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified, and the Ministry of Christ is for the perfecting of the Saints, till they all come to the measure of the stature of the fulnesse of Christ, to a perfect man; here we find them to deny the Scriptures, and the everlasting offering, and all such we cannot but deny, and we witness the everlasting offering which perfects for ever them that are sanctified; praises to the Lord for ever, who hath sent forth his son in the likenesse of sinful flesh, to condemn sin in the flesh, that in him we might be made the righteousness of God; and all that deny perfection and sanctification deny this offering, and the gift of God which is perfect, and the Ministery of God which is for perfecting the body, and such Ministers are not members of the body, nor can present any man perfect in Christ Jesus, and therefore we deny them. Mat. 5. 48 Heb 10 14 Eph. 4. 12, 13. 2 Cor. 5. 21. Jam. 1. 17.

They are such teachers as deny the everlasting covenant, and the annointing, for if any come to witness that they are taught of God, and that he hath written his law in their hearts, and put his Spirit within them, and that none need say to them know the Lord, then they cry out to the Magistrates, and ignorant people, these are the deceivers and false prophets that shall come in the last times, they deny the means; and when any witness that they have received an unction from the holy one, and need not that any man teach them but as the annointing teacheth them of all things, then they cry out, these are Seducers and seduced; And so here they deny the covenant of God, and the promise of God, and shew themselves to be the great Seducers that draw from the annointing, and finding their spirits contrary to the Scriptures, we cannot but deny them. Jer. 31. 33. Heb. 8 11. 1 Jo. 2. 26, 27.

They are such teachers that say revelations are ceased, and deny revelations, and so deny the Son, for no man knows the father but he to whom the Son reveals him, and no man knows the things of God but the Spirit of God, and he to whom the Spirit reveals them, and the Apostle said, it pleased the Father to reveal his Son in him, and so he that denyes revelations denies both the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit; these are the priests who talk

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of religion, and have gotten a form to trade with, and have received things by tradition, but are ignorant of God, and of the Spirit by which all the Saints were ever guided, and therefore we deny them, Mat.11.27. 1Cor.2.11. Gal.1.16. Phil.3.15.

Therefore all people consider what you do, and hold up, and worship, for the worship is but one, and the word is but one, and the baptism is but one, and the Church is but one, and the way is but one, and the light is but one, and the power is but one; but they that are without, have many teachers, many waies, many opinions, and judgements, and many sects, but we have but one priest which is over the household of God, and therefore are all of one heart and soul.

Moved of the Lord, written from the Spirit of the Lord, for the cleansing of the Land of all false Teachers, and Seducers, and deceivers, and witches, who beguile the people, and Inchanters, and Diviners, and Sorcerers, and hirelings, and which is for the good of all people that fear the Lord and own Jesus Christ to be their Teacher,

From them whom the world scornfully calls Quakers, but quaking and trembling we own, else we should deny the Scriptures and the holy men of God; but the Scriptures we own and the holy men of God, therefore we deny all them who deny quaking.

If you say these things are frivolous things which you have taught us, then we have been taught frivolous things all this while; But we find all these things frivolous things, wind and air, and therefore we deny them.

All people that read these things, never come more at the Steeple-house, nor pay your Priests more tyths till they have answered them; for if ye do, you uphold them in their sins, and must partake of their plagues.

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